

Newsletter

Lawrence County (KY) Humane Society



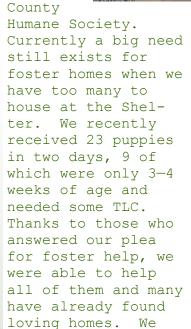
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Tidbits from the President

It has been a long, cold winter but spring is just around the corner. There has been a lot going on at the Shelter the last few months and we have needed support and help. We want to thank everyone who has shown us support in so many ways....attending and supporting us at Humane Society and public meetings, making donations, volunteering at the Shelter, fostering our over abundance of pets at the Shelter, manning our facebook page, and rescuing our furbabies when we were so overwhelmed. All of you have helped and encouraged us in so many ways and we can never thank you enough.

The battle isn't over! We still need help and support in any way you are able. In 2012, we took in over 1'300 animals at the Shelter. This is 1,300

animals
that had
no one to
turn to
but the
Lawrence



named Ellie at the Shelter in need of a foster home as well. Ellie came to us with severe wounds around her neck caused by either a collar that was too tight for her and became embedded in her neck or from someone chaining her out with a chain and no collar. Ellie's wounds were so severe she required several days of hospitalization and laser therapy before she could be released back to the Shelter. Now, she needs a foster home where she can continue to heal. She is doing well and healing as she should but the shelter isn't the best place for her to be. With kitten season about to (con't on page 8)

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"Only a life lived in the service to others is worth living.

currently have a dog

—Albert Einstein

Cats & dogs pictured in this newsletter are available for adoption at the Lawrence County Humane Society Animal Shelter.

Adopting an Adult or Senior Cat CAN Be Very Rewarding

We all know that kittens are just so darn cute and entertaining to watch...and who can resist those cute little inquisitive faces? But households who want a kitten just because they are "cute" or because the kids want a kitten usually soon lose interest in the new pet because—let's face it—all kittens grow up!! As Spring rapidly approaches we encourage you to please consider the benefits of adopting an adult (or senior) cat as your newest member of the family.

Reasons to opt for the older kitty are many:

—Adult cats are litter box-trained. They know from years of experience that the litter box is the place to go.

—Kittens can be rowdy and even take dangerous risks. After all, they're still learning life's lessons and the consequences of their actions. An adult cat knows better, or doesn't have the desire to go on a trek up your curtains or to swat at your pet fish.

—Many people are fearful to adopt an older cat because they don't want to get attached to a kitty that may not be in the best health. This is a myth. Many felines live well into their late teens and 20s -- and they can live quite robust lives.

—Not only are senior cats' personalities well-established (so you know what temperament of cat you're getting) but they typically are much more mellow than a kitten. They're good for a cuddle or good as a "lap cat" -- perfect for a senior, an empty nester, or even a busy professional who's worried about kitty getting into trouble while she or he is at work.

—Your new senior kitty will fit in well in any environment, because it doesn't take as much to get them accustomed to the "new." In addition, if you already have an older cat or dog at home, a senior cat playmate won't be as taxing to your existing pet as a feisty kitten. [excerpts from "Reasons to Adopt a Senior Cat," by Michelle Leach, eHow Contributor, eHow.com]

Recently a beautiful senior kitty came to our Shelter who we named

Martina.
She was
tattered,
dirty, and
very skinny,
but she had
a heart of
gold. All
this girl



wanted was to be loved and to love back. After a thorough examination by the vet, Martina was placed in foster care so she could get lots of love and special attention. After a short period of time the Shisler family of KY saw her picture on our Facebook page and immediately fell in love with her. Today Martina is living out her golden years in a loving, forever home where she gives her humans as much love as they unselfishly give her. Thank you to the Shisler family for seeing that adult and senior kitties deserve a loving, forever home too!!

Upcoming Events

March — "Coins for Critters" fund drive in Lawrence County Schools

March 18th — Board Meeting, 6:30pm, LUMC

April — Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month

April 15th — Board Meeting, 6:30pm, LUMC

April 27th — Sixth Annual "Walk for the Animals," Main Street Park, downtown Louisa (see pages 4 & 5 for details) May 5-11 — Be Kind to Animals Week

May 12-18 — National Dog Bite Prevention Week

May 20th — Board Meeting, 6:30pm, LUMC



June — Adopt a Shelter Cat Month

June 17th — Board Meeting, 6:30pm, LUMC June 21st — Take Your Dog to Work Day

July 15th — Board Meeting, 6:30pm, LUMC



August 17th — International Homeless Animals Day

August 19th — Board Meeting, 6:30pm, LUMC

Cats are smarter than dogs. You can't get eight cats to pull a sled through snow.—Jeff Valdez

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Shelter News

The Lawrence County Humane Society would like to welcome two new employees. James Vandiver and Tonya Davidson are now working during the week at the animal shelter. They are both doing a fine job with the animals and with the community. We are very fortunate to have two very caring and hardworking individuals. We have a group that is coming out regularly to volunteer and help with the ani-



mals on the weekends. We want to thank everyone who gives so freely of their time to care for the animals.

Because we have so many animals at the shelter we need more volunteers to come out during the week and weekends to walk the animals and socialize them. Some have never been walked on a leash and it will take several sessions to give them trust and confidence so that they will someday make someone a good pet. We also need help during the week and weekends to bath the puppies and even some of the bigger dogs.

As always we need help with our Vet bill at Tri County Animal Clinic. We try our best to take care of the animals and give them a future. Sometimes they need a little help. When there is such a great amount of animals that need vaccinations and worm medicine our bill adds up very quickly.

We also needs donations of supplies such as garbage bags, paper towels, mops, brooms, puppy food, kitten food and toys for the animals. Some of our dog houses are getting very worn out. If someone has an extra house to donate that would be very much appreciated.

As always please tell everyone you know to come to our shelter to adopt a dog or a cat. It is a life you save and you will give an animal a second chance.

—submitted by Leonika Allen, Shelter Director

Visit us on FaceBook at www.facebook.com/LawrenceCountyShelter!!! And be sure to see all the wonderful animals we have available by visiting our PetFinder page at www.petfinder.com/shelters/KY26.html

Wilson's Kitty Korner

Have you visited the wonderful Cat Shelter we have at the Lawrence County Humane Society Animal Shelter? Well you should!!! It is probably the only one like it in our



entire region.
Unlike
most area
shelters,
our kitties
live cage
free! They
get lots of
sunshine
from large

windows in each room, exercise and interaction with each other, and outside stimulation by watching the birds and squirrels outside. This results in a healthier, less-stressed, more socialized kitty than you would find at other locations. Come visit us and see for yourself. When you adopt a kitty from "Wilson's Kitty Korner" you are getting a kitty who is completely ready to become a member of your family...litter box trained, vac-



Meet LAYLA—our longest kitty resident. She is so sweet!! We have no idea why she hasn't been adopted yet. Won't YOU give her a loving forever home today?

cinated, de-wormed, socialized, spayed/neutered, and ready to give you lots of love!

Call Beverly Pack, Cat Coordinator, at 606-571-6224 if you have any questions or to set an appointment.

Wilson's Tip of the Day

- —Don't change your cat's diet all at once, otherwise she may refuse the new food.
- —Do it gradually over three days.
- —Begin changing her diet by feeding 1/4 new food and 3/4 old food for a few days.
- —Then add 1/2 new food and 1/2 old food. After a few more days, feed 3/4 new food and 1/4 old food.
- —Then you can feed the new food entirely. [taken from Cat Crazy Newsletter, Tuesday, March 5, 2013]

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WALK FOR THE ANIMALS 2013

BENEFITS THE LAWRENCE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY ANIMAL SHELTER

1.5 MILE WALK IN PICTURESQUE DOWNTOWN LOUISA

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2013

(Rain or shine!)

The walk begins and ends at Louisa Main Street Park

PRE-FESTIVITIES AND REGISTRATION 8:30 – 9:30 A.M.

OPENING CEREMONY AND WALK 9:30 – 10:45 A.M.

> AWARD CEREMONY 11:00 – 11:30 A.M.

POST-FESTIVITIES AND PET FAIR 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Participants walking with dogs must bring proof of rabies vaccination and keep their dogs on a leash at all times.



Adopt Me!



Riley (a total sweetheart)

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WALK WITH US

Here's all you do:

- 1. Take a brochure
- 2. Raise donations Start collecting today! Take your pledge sheet and ask friends, relatives, co-workers, neighbors and others to "sponsor" you by making a financial commitment for you to walk. Copy the pledge form if you need additional pledge lines or contact us to get another. All walkers are eligible to win prizes based on the total dollar amount collected and turned in at the time of registration. All checks should be made payable to: Lawrence County Humane Society. Cash is also acceptable.
- 3. Walk <u>Please pre-register!!</u> If you can't pre-register, bring your collected pledges when you register the morning of the Walk. Leave plenty of time to enjoy all the activities!

THE TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO BRING IN THE HIGHEST DOLLAR AMOUNT OF COLLECTED PLEDGES EACH WIN A WONDERFUL GIFT PACKAGE!

The first 50 walkers to PRE-REGISTER are guaranteed:

- Walk t-shirt (with a minimum \$35 pledge)
- Special dog pick-up bag dispenser
- Walk packet filled with goodies
- Free breakfast snacks and bottled water
- Opportunity to win great prizes
 EVERY REGISTERED WALKER RECEIVES A FREE TICKET FOR THE DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS

Pre-register no later than April 12, 2013 at these locations:

- Home Federal Savings and Loan, 119 N. Main Cross St.
- Louisa Sporting Goods, 212 Madison St.
- Louisa Community Bank, 4393 Hwy 2565
- Mail your completed registration packet with check or money order to Teresa Hillman, 201 N. Main Cross St. Louisa, Ky. 41230

WE ARE REGISTERING TEAMS THIS YEAR!

Get a team together – your school, classroom, church group, co-workers, hospital staff - . Walk as a group, have t-shirts printed, wear bandanas, let everyone know your business cares about the animals in Lawrence County!

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Happy Tails! Adoption Success Stories

Three long term residents of the shelter recently found forever, loving homes. If these 3 dogs had ended up in another shelter, the endings may not have been so happy but now all 3 are living the good life!

Mona and Momma Lou, a mother and daughter pair of Chihuahua mixes, came to the shelter as strays a couple of years ago. Momma Lou stayed at the shelter but Mona went into foster care as she was very scared and needed some socialization work. Momma Lou was adopted to a family in New England but in the process of getting her ready for transport, she tested positive for heartworms. While undergoing not only one, but two heartworm treatments, her family changed their mind and cancelled the adoption because of the period of time it was taking to get Momma Lou ready. Around the same time, Mona was returned from foster care to the shelter and this is where the true story begins. Because of the strong bond between the two dogs, especially on the part of Mona, it was difficult to separate them, making their adoption very difficult. The pair served as shelter mascots while waiting for their forever home. After almost two years of waiting, that forever home was found in January 2013 with a Kentucky couple who lived outside of our local adoption area. Mona and Momma Lou are doing great in their new home and not only did their luck finally change, they have changed the lives of their new human quardians. We thank their new family for finally providing the home they waited so long to find and to Deb Hinkle of Sadie's Place in Louisa for not only helping them find such a loving home but for helping so many others at the shelter over the last few months. Thanks Deb! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Foster Homes Needed!! Please call 606-638-0512

Midnight was another long term shelter resident who came to us due to no fault of her own. Midnight, a small black dog, and her companion Poncho, a tiny beagle, came to the shelter after the male quardian passed away and the female quardian was forced to move where she could not have pets. This little pair was inseparable when they first came to the shelter, especially Poncho to Midnight. When Poncho was separated from Midnight, she would howl until she was united with her friend. This went

on for a very long time so they were inseparable at the shelter. This strong bond and the fact that Poncho and Midnight were at least 5 years of age made their adoption more difficult than most. Midnight contracted a virus and had to be hospitalized for several days and during this time, Poncho adjusted to life without Midnight. Shortly thereafter, Poncho was adopted to a family. However, no one ever expressed an interest in little Midnight, mainly because of her age and the fact she suffered from "black dog syndrome"-a term used to define the difficulties a dog faces when he or she is black in color. Midnight went into foster care in January 2013 and after just a couple of weeks, an older couple from the Ashland area called looking for a small, older dog to adopt. Midnight's foster mom Drina sent the couple some photos of Midnight and they made arrangements with Drina to meet Midnight. And as they say, the rest is history! Midnight is living a great life with her new family. They think she is beautiful and just perfect for them! Have a wonderful life Midnight. We miss you but so happy you finally have your own family to love. -submitted by Kim Perry, President

If you have an email account and can receive your newsletter electronically, please send an email to sixcatpack@mindspring.com and let us know to add you to our *e*-newsletter mailing list. Thank you!!

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Thanks to These "Shelter Shower" Partners



(LEFT) Annie Workman (Asst. Manager) and Debbie Burke (Store Manager) of Goody's in Louisa proudly stand beside their Christmas tree honoring the Lawrence County Humane Society Animal Shelter. Through customer and employee donations Goody's made a generous cash donation from their "Shower the Shelter Month" campaign during the month of November.

(BELOW) The employees of Louisa Community Bank held their "Shower the Shelter Month" campaign during the month of December by receiving cash donations from patrons and employees alike. Pictured are: (L to R) Kendra Spurlock, Tessa Maynard, Crystal Harrison, Kelli Bowen, Olivia Hudson, Ed Purdom, Courtney Martin, Edwina Cordle, Charlotte Enix, Patty Carter, and Joe Adams.

 ☆ We still need more partici ☆ pants!! If your business, church, civic organization,
or school would like to be-☆ come part of this on-going come part of this on-going
program, please contact Bevcerly Pack at sixcatpack@mindspring.com
or cell 606-571-6224 for additional information.



...Can You Make These Adoptions A "Success" Too?



Roxy is a gorgeous Tabby with a distinctive Mackeral swirl pattern on her sides. She is a

very playful, fun little kitty who will give you hours of joy and love.

Hope is a young, female Chocolate Lab mix. She would be a great addition to any family.



Al E. Cat (AKA "Big Al") is one of the sweetest cats at the Shelter. This big boy just wants to be held and loved on all the time!!



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Preventing cruelty to and providing relief of suffering among animals, and promoting humane education throughout the community.

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begin, we will certainly need foster homes for nursing cats and kittens. If you can help Ellie or any of the



others in our care, please let us know.

We have recently incurred extraordinary vetting expenses for Ellie, for a leg amputation, for heartworm treatments, parvo, mange and lice treatments, as well as the normal, routine expenses for spay/neuters and vaccinations. Any donations toward our

veterinary expenses are always appreciated and can be made through Razoo.com, paypal.com

(lchshelter@hotmail.com), directly to Tri-County Animal Clinic for the Lawrence County Humane Society, or directly to the Lawrence County Humane Society at PO Box 1331, Louisa KY 41230. For more information on volunteering, fostering Ellie or any of the animals in our care, or donations, please contact me at 606-483-2959 or email me at potterper-ry41230@yahoo.com.

Please remember our 6th Annual "Walk for the Animals" that will be held on April 27, 2013. There will be many activities that day to support the Humane Society and the animals in our care. Bring your dog and join us for a day of fun and help the Humane Society continue to help those that can't help themselves.

The Lawrence County Humane Society works for you and is your Humane Society. Become involved and let's make 2013 the best year ever for those that need us.

Your President, Kim Perry

"In the present circumstances, no one can afford to assume that someone else will solve their problems. Every individual has a responsibility to help guide our global family in the right direction. Good wishes are not sufficient; we must become actively engaged." —Dalai Lama